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NEWS RELEASE



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SOUTHEAST ALASKA SALMON PURSE SEINE FISHERY ANNOUNCEMENT

Sitka. . . The Alaska Department of Fish and Game announced today that the following areas will be open to purse seining during the times and in the areas listed below:

District 1

The following area will be open to purse seining from **5:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m., Thursday, July 26, 2012:**

Section 1-F: will be open south of a line that begins at the southernmost tip of Cone Point located at 55°14.45' N. latitude, 131°18.90' W. longitude, to the northernmost tip of Harbor Point to Point Davison Light then due west to the District 2 boundary, with the following restriction:

Boca de Quadra: will be closed east of a line from Quadra Point to Kah Shakes Point.

District 2

The following area will be open to purse seining from **5:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m., Thursday, July 26, 2012:**

District 2: will be open south of the northernmost tip of Polk Island located at 55°00.73' N. latitude with the following restriction:

Moira Sound: all waters will be closed.

District 3

The following areas will be open to purse seining from **5:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m., Thursday, July 26, 2012:**

Section 3-A: will be open south of a line from the southernmost tip of Shipwreck Point to the southernmost tip of Coning Point to the southernmost tip of Datzkoo Point, with the following restriction:

Klakas Inlet, Hunter Bay, and contiguous waters: will be closed in all waters north and east of a line running from a point near Ruth Cutoff located at 54°54.40' N. latitude, 132°24.77' W. longitude, to the southernmost tip of Klakas Island, to a point at 54°49.68' N. latitude, 132°20.50' W. longitude (located approximately one-half nautical mile east of Guide Rock).

Section 3-B: will be open west of a line from Cape Lynch to the northernmost tip of Point Animas to the southernmost tip of Point Arboleda, with the following restriction:

Port Real Marina: will be closed in all waters east of 133°34.50' W. longitude.

District 4

The following area will be open to purse seining from **5:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m., Thursday, July 26, 2012:**

District 4: will be open.

District 7

Section 7-A: **will be closed.**

District 12

The following area will be open to purse seining from **5:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m., Thursday, July 26, 2012:**

Section 12-A: will be open in the following area:

Point Augusta: **will be closed.**

Hidden Falls THA: will be open in the **waters of Chatham Strait within the boundaries of a line from South Point, as indicated by a marker at 57°16.28' N. latitude, 134°51.78' W. longitude to a point offshore at 57°16.28' N. latitude, 134°48.00' W. longitude, then running south to a point offshore at 57°06.76' N. latitude, 134°43.00' W. longitude then due west to a point on the Baranof Island shoreline at 57°06.76' N. latitude, 134°47.50' W. longitude with the following restriction:**

Kasnyku Bay: will be closed west of a line from a point on the Baranof Island shoreline at 57°13.18' N. latitude, 134°51.88' W. longitude to 57°13.00' N. latitude, 134°51.93' W. longitude to the northernmost point of an unnamed island at 57°12.91' N. latitude, 134°51.50' W. longitude, then due south to the Baranof Island shoreline.

District 13

The following areas will be open to purse seining from **5:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m., Thursday, July 26, 2012:**

Section 13-A: will be open in the following areas:

Portlock Harbor, Ogden Passage, Smooth Channel, Black Bay, Khaz Bay, Lake Anna, Sisters Lake and Slocum Arm: will be open east of a line from Khaz Point to Ninefoot Shoal Light to the southernmost tip of Herbert Graves Island to Point Hogan to the light located on the southern tip of Hill Island and then due north to the Chichagof Island shoreline with the following restrictions:

Black Bay: will be closed east of 136°09.20' W. longitude;

Klag Bay: will be closed north of Rose Point;

Ford Arm: will be closed north and east of a line from Trap Point to a point on the Chichagof Island shoreline at 57°32.86' N. latitude, 136°00.13' W. longitude.

Lisianski Strait: will be open north of the latitude of Point Theodore and south of the latitude of Rock Point Light with the following restriction:

Stag Bay: will be closed east of 136°21.41' W. longitude.

Section 13-B: will be open in the following areas:

Sitka Sound and contiguous waters: will be open north of a line from Inner Point on the Kruzof Island shoreline at 57°05.50' N. latitude, 135°34.28' W. longitude to Makhnati Rock Light to Surf Rock to Simpson Rock Light to Tsaritsa Rock Light to Silver Point with the following restrictions:

Silver Bay: will be closed east of a line from Entry Point Light to a point on the Baranof Island shoreline at 57°01.58' N. latitude, 135°14.58' W. longitude;

Camp Coogan Bay: will be closed east of 135°14.78' W. longitude;

Crescent Bay: will be closed in all waters of Crescent Bay enclosed by a line from the east end of the John O'Connell Bridge to The Twins Light **to the southernmost tip of Cannon Island**;

Starrigavin Bay: will be closed east of a line from Harbor Point to a point on the Baranof Island shoreline at 57°08.50' N. latitude, 135°22.63' W. longitude;

Olga Strait: will be closed north of 57°11.00' N. latitude and south of the latitude of Creek Point;

Nakwasina Sound: will be closed northeast of a line from a point on the Baranof Island shoreline at 57°10.58' N. latitude, 135°24.81' W. longitude to the easternmost tip of Crosswise Island to the northernmost tip of Beehive Island then due west to the Halleck Island shoreline.

West Crawfish Inlet and Shamrock Bay: will be open east of 135°16.00' W. longitude and south of 56°50.00' N. latitude.

Redfish Bay: will be open north of the latitude of the westernmost tip of One Tree Rock (normal markers).

Chinook Salmon Landing Restrictions: for the Kendrick Bay THA and fishing areas open outside of Terminal Harvest Areas, Chinook salmon 28 inches or greater in length may **NOT** be retained and sold. Chinook salmon greater than 21 inches and less than 28 inches may be retained but not sold. Chinook salmon 21 inches or less may be retained and sold. All Chinook salmon harvested in the Hidden Falls, Anita Bay, and Neets Bay THAs may be retained and sold. All Chinook salmon harvested in the Deep Inlet THA must be retained, must be reported on fish tickets, and may be sold.

Hidden Falls Information: the NSRAA Board of Directors has requested that the Department of Revenue assess a 20% tax of the value of all chum salmon harvested in the waters described as Section 12-A south of 57°27.00' N. latitude, north of 57°01.00' N. latitude, and west of a line from 57°27.00' N. latitude, 134°45.50' W. longitude to 57°01.00' N. latitude, 134°41.50' W. longitude (Subsections 112-11, 112-21, and 112-22) from June 15 through July 31 as provided for under AS 16.10.455 and new regulations adopted by the Department of Revenue found at:

<http://www.tax.alaska.gov/programs/documentviewer/viewer.aspx?209s>.

The next seine announcement will be issued on **Friday, July 27, 2012**.

Copies of the “2012 Southeast Alaska Purse Seine Fishery Management Plan” may be obtained at department area offices listed below and can be downloaded on the department’s website at:
http://www.adfg.alaska.gov/index.cfm?adfg=commercialbyareasoutheast.salmon_managementplans.

The Emergency Order corresponding with this news release is EO 1S5112.

Southeast Alaska Purse Seine Harvest Estimates							
Statistical Week 30							
Preliminary Estimates compiled July 24, 2012							
NUMBERS OF SALMON							
Area	King	Red	Coho	Pink	Chum	Total	Boats
District 1	-	2,200	1,600	220,000	23,000	246,800	32
District 2	-	2,700	4,900	52,000	60,000	119,600	36
District 4	-	4,300	4,900	45,000	10,000	64,200	15
District 7-A	-	100	200	75,000	45,000	120,300	52
Section 13-A	-	350	400	64,000	9,000	73,750	19
Section 13-B	-	35	10	46,000	3,400	49,445	11
Hidden Falls THA	20	100	20	4,000	51,000	55,140	18
Point Augusta	-	2,000	130	44,000	10,000	56,130	17
	20	11,785	12,160	550,000	211,400	785,365	200

FISH PER BOAT						
Area	King	Red	Coho	Pink	Chum	Total
District 1	-	69	50	6,875	719	7,713
District 2	-	75	136	1,444	1,667	3,322
District 4	-	287	327	3,000	667	4,280
District 7-A	-	2	4	1,442	865	2,313
Section 13-A	-	18	21	3,368	474	3,882
Section 13-B	-	3	1	4,182	309	4,495
Hidden Falls THA	1	6	1	222	2,833	3,063
Point Augusta	-	118	8	2,588	588	3,302

District 3: confidential.

Anita Bay THA: 100,000 chums and 5,000 kings harvested to date.

Deep Inlet THA: 7/22 only, confidential.

Kendrick Bay THA: 110,000 chums harvested to date.

Point Augusta: Stat Week 30 index area pink salmon harvest was 49% of the 10-year average.

News releases web site: <http://www.adfg.alaska.gov/index.cfm?adfg=cfnews.main>.

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